THE MINISTER OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI P. SHIV SHANKER): (a) and (b) UNESCO Statistical Year Book gives statistical information about the number of books published in various countries. According to 1987 edition of this book; India is placed at 17th position in the would. It is incorrect that the country has been declining. According to the National Library, Calcutta which is responsible for collection of data in India, the number of titles published during the 1983-83 to 1986-87 is as under:—

1983-84	-	14,202
1984-85	-	15,091
1985-86	-	15,720
1986-87	-	16,790

The publishing industry in India has, however, not kept pace with the growth of publishing industry in several other countries.

(c) The Government has taken a number of steps to promote books in the country. The National Policy on Education, 1986 states that "efforts will be made to secure easy accessibility to books for all segments of the population. Measures will be taken to improve the quality of books, promote the reading habit and encourage creative writings." A Working Group on National Book Policy was appointed by the Government in 1985 for evolving a National Book Policy. The Government took a number of decisions to promote books on the basis of recommendations of this Working Group.

The National Book Trust was set up in 1957 with the objective of producing and encouraging reading material at reasonable prices and fostering book-mindedness among the people. The National Book Trust is implementing a number of schemes for promotion of books. After formulation of the National Book Policy on Education, new schemes have been introduced for (i) Production of books for children under the scheme of Operation Blackboard; and (ii) Production of books for neo literates.

Karur-Dindigul-Madurai-Maniyachi Broad Gauge Line

*195 SHRI T.R. BALU
SHRI V. GOPALSAMY:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) what was the initial estimated cost for the construction of Karur-Dindigul-Madurai-Maniyachi broad gauge line and what is the present estimated cost of this project;

(b) the amount of funds allotted and spent so far on this project;

(c) what are the details of work done so far on Dindigul-Madurai segment, the funds which would be required to complete this section and by when it is likely to be completed; and

(d) what are the details of the work completed in Madurai-Maniyachi section and by when this section would be completed?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MADHAVRAO SCINDIA): (a) The initial estimated cost of the project was Rs. 42.86 crores and the present anticipated cost is Rs. 144.79 crores.

(b) The funds allotted for this project upto 1988-89 were Rs. 56 crores, which are likely to be fully spent.

(c) The overall progress of work on Dindigul-Madurai section is 25%. About 40% of earthwork and minor bridges has

been completed. 30% of work on construction of Road-over-Bridges/Road-under-Bridges/Fly-overs has also been completed. An additional sum of Rs. 24.11 crores will be required to complete the work in this section. Completion will, however, depend upon the availability of *resources during the coming years.*

(d) Work on Madurai-Maniyachi is proposed to be taken up after commissioning of Dindigul-Madurai parallel B.G. Line.

व्यावसायिक शिक्षा कार्यक्रम के अन्तर्गत शामिल विद्यालय

*196. **श्री अजीत जोगी:**
कुमारी सुशीला तिरिया:

क्या **मानव संसाधन विकास** मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि:

(क) क्या राष्ट्रीय शिक्षा नीति में वर्ष 1990 तक 10 प्रतिशत विद्यालयों और वर्ष 1995 तक 25 प्रतिशत *विद्यालयों को व्यावसायिक शिक्षा कार्यक्रम के अन्तर्गत शामिल किये जाने का कोई लक्ष्य निर्धारित किया गया था;*

(ख) इस संबंध में अब तक क्या प्रगति हुई है; और

(ग) नई शिक्षा नीति के आरम्भ के पश्चात् व्यावसायिक शिक्षा कार्यक्रम के अन्तर्गत मध्य प्रदेश में कितने विद्यालयों को वित्तीय सहायता प्रदान की गई है तथा ऐसी कितनी धनराशि की सहायता दी गई है और क्या यह सहायता ऊपर उल्लिखित लक्ष्य के अनुरूप है?

मानव संसाधन विकास मंत्री (श्री पी० शिव शंकर): (क) और (ख) राष्ट्रीय शिक्षा नीति, 1986 में, अन्य बातों के साथ-साथ इस बात का प्रावधान है कि व्यावसायिक पाठ्यक्रमों में 1990 तक 10% उच्चतर माध्यमिक छात्रों को और 1995 तक 25% छात्रों को शामिल किया जाएगा। व्यावसायिक शिक्षा के लिए राज्यों तथा संघ शासित प्रदेशों की सहायता करने के लिए केन्द्रीय प्रायोजित योजना फरवरी, 1988 में शुरू की गई थी। तब से अब तक राज्यों और संघ शासित प्रदेशों को 1929 स्कूलों में 5823 व्यावसायिक पाठ्यक्रमों के लिए सहायता के रूप में 59.09 करोड़ रुपये दिए गए हैं।

(ग) मध्य प्रदेश को 369 स्कूलों में 1069 व्यावसायिक पाठ्यक्रमों के लिए 802.16 लाख रुपये की राशि की वित्तीय सहायता मंजूर की गई है।

Performance of Westland helicopters

*197. SHRI ASHWANI KUMAR:
DR. BAPU KALDATE:

Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) what is the number of times the Westland helicopters developed engine trouble, since the operations of Pawan Hans Ltd. began, alongwith their dates;

(b) whether the troubles were experienced right from the beginning of the commercial flights of these helicopters;

(c) in what manner the Technical Evaluation Committee assessed this specific aspect before the decision to purchase these helicopters was taken and whether these subsequent troubles were taken into account in the technical evaluation;

(d) what is the number of accidents of these helicopters so far and the resulting damage to the life and property; and

(e) what compensation has been paid to the next of kin of victims who died in the helicopter crash near Vaishno Devi Shrine on the 14th July, 1987?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM (SHRI SHIVRAJ PATIL): (a) There have been 53 cases of